

How list works and questions to mailers

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Oliver Wakefield — 10 May 2008, 23:14

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Pedro Pereira — 10 May 2008, 23:33 · in reply to Oliver Wakefield

From: radontrooper at hotmail.com To: urth at urth.net Date: Sun, 11 May 2008 00:14:58 +0100 Subject: (urth) How list works and questions to mailers

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R: Sorry, can't help you there :(

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R: There's hundreds of registered users. But there's a few that tend to contribute more than others. I don't contribute much ;P

Congratulations to all involved by the way.

R: Thanks :)

I am just wondering which of you are sci-fi fans and which are general readers.

R: I'm a sci-fi fan and a general reader. I feel that I'm getting more and more fed up with sci-fi, since I feel that 99% of it is worthless. That leaves out some pearls of sci-fi literature, both

isolated books and authors, of which Gene Wolfe is obviously one of them.

Also where are you from?

R: Portugal, but I'm living in Finland now.

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R: I think the list is primarily US. I'm not sure if Gene is bigger in the US, but probably he is, but there's a lot of people here from out of the US.

Thanks Ollie W

R: You're welcome :)

Pedro

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Charles Reed — 11 May 2008, 04:44 · in reply to Oliver Wakefield

Hi Oliver. I'm from Texas. I've always gotten the impression that most of the people who post here are from the US, but that's certainly not a scientific sampling. My general reading preferences outside of Gene Wolfe tend to lie in the fantasy genre rather than sci-fi: Tolkien, Le Guin, Robin Hobb, George Martin, Neil Gaiman. Although, to be perfectly honest, my reading time has been very much curtailed over the last few years due to family expansion. (We just brought our third -- and final -- child into the world about seven months ago.) I used to pretty regularly read 25-30 novels a year. These days it seems like I'm doing well if I manage 4-5. Coinciding with that, I haven't been much a regular contributor lately, although I was a pretty active participant for a good couple of years. I still try to keep up with the read the mailing list, though.

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brunians at brunians.org — 11 May 2008, 04:57 · in reply to Charles Reed

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It is reasonable that things should be thus, what with the US or its northern annex being home the vast majority of native speakers of English derived languages.

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Used to, with me. Recent decades been more history and biography. Also I enjoy modeling people: read everything they wrote and everything that anyone else ever wrote about them and see how accurate a model of the person you can come up with. It's always interesting to do this with living people.

Uh, I live outside a tiny mountain town in rural northern California.

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Lane Haygood — 11 May 2008, 05:07 · in reply to Charles Reed

Whereabouts in Texas, Charles? I'm in Waco for law school, but I spend a fair amount of time in Austin.

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Charles Reed — 11 May 2008, 05:32 · in reply to Lane Haygood

I grew up and went to school in Abilene (I almost went to Baylor, but chose to stay home and go to Hardin-Simmons instead -- and I've never regretted that decision for even a minute as HSU was a truly wonderful experience for me), but have lived in and around the D/FW area for several years now.

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Lane Haygood wrote:

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Roy C. Lackey — 11 May 2008, 06:40 · follows Charles Reed

Welcome, Oliver!

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I believe that you are referring to how your post appears online; that the text shows up as one continuous line, requiring the reader to scroll way off the page to the right, which is how yours shows up. It makes it hard to read, too. <g> If this is what you are referring to, I believe that the solution is a setting somewhere within whatever e-mail client (program) you are using. If you can find the settings that govern the "Send" characteristics of your e-mail, you may find a setting that automatically wraps the lines at a chosen character limit. Mine is set for 76 characters, and I don't have the problem.

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I suppose most people here are from the U.S.; I'm from Texas. Wolfe has never been a big-seller, even by genre standards. I read mostly sci-fi and fantasy, but not as much as I did thirty years ago, mostly because, as someone has already said, so much of what gets published these days is crap.

-Roy

Martinus Scriblerus — 11 May 2008, 06:45 · in reply to Oliver Wakefield

On Sun, May 11, 2008 at 12:14 AM, Oliver Wakefield
<radontrooper at hotmail.com> wrote:
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I'm from the UK myself. General reader with a taste for science fiction and haunted by some of Wolfe's books - in particular "Peace", "Free Live Free", "There are Doors" and the Latro books. Read the Severian books as they came out and some scenes are with me but I've never got on to the following books.

Martinus Scriblerus scripsit ex 50° 21' N, 4°41' W

Tim Walters — 11 May 2008, 07:37 · in reply to Martinus Scriblerus

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I would consider myself both, I think. I just looked over my LibraryThing database and the last 100 books I read were almost equally split between SF/F and non-.

I keep a list of my favorite SF/F books here if anyone's interested:

<http://doubtfulpalace.com/mustread.html>

Also where are you from?

San Francisco, California, USA.

Tim Walters | The Doubtful Palace | <http://doubtfulpalace.com>

Matthew Keeley — 11 May 2008, 10:36 · in reply to Tim Walters

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I can't say I know any other Wolfe readers in real life, though I'm always trying to make converts. I just gave a copy of The Book of the New Sun to a friend here, so let's hope that there will soon be another Wolfe reader in Dublin...

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Stuart Hamm — 11 May 2008, 11:23 · in reply to Matthew Keeley

I live in San Francisco, although I travel a great deal being a musician, it gives me plenty of time to read. I was turned on the Wolfe by my brother who is a professor at Washington, and know a few other Wolfe readers...

I just turned on my band mate Joe Satriani to Wolfe, and he's enjoying it, but doesn't quite know what he's in for yet...

I love Wolfe, but also enjoy guilty trash reading pleasure when i travel and have no qualms about leaving the book in the seat pocket in front of me..

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The Fortune of War is actually the last O'Brian book I read. I'm tempted to start in on The Surgeon's Mate tonight, but I somehow think studying is a wiser choice.

Obviously Boston has changed a lot since Jack and Stephen were there, but it was neat to read about them going to places I'm familiar with - though I've never had quite as "exciting" a time as Stephen did, what with all those shady Frenchmen...

When I'm back in Boston, I'm planning to get some friends together to go visit the U.S.S. Constitution, which is still docked in Boston.

-Matt

Adam Thornton — 11 May 2008, 15:56 · in reply to Stuart Hamm

St. Louis.

Omnivorous reader. Perhaps my home territory is SF; it certainly where I started and, really, where I generally look first when I'm in a bookstore. If I had to pick one book and one album to be stranded on a desert island with, they'd be Thomas Pynchon's Gravity's Rainbow and Tom Waits' Small Change.

Adam

Marc Aramini — 11 May 2008, 16:06 · follows Adam Thornton

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: (urth) How list works and questions to mailers

Date: Sun, 11 May 2008 16:03:59

From: Marc Aramini <marcaramini at yahoo.com>

To: matthew.keeley.1 at gmail.com <matthew.keeley.1 at gmail.com>

When I was younger I loved zelazny and moorcock and other fantasy, but now I prefer stuff like faulkner and dostoevsky and mishima. I live in las vegas, usually, but now I travel. for a while I was teaching, then working in a bank. I married a trapeeze artist and juggler a few months ago and now I find circus locations for her father and am working on my handstands and balancing for my own act.

David Duffy — 11 May 2008, 21:24 · in reply to Oliver Wakefield

On Sun, 11 May 2008, Oliver Wakefield wrote:

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Thanks Ollie W

Hi, I'm writing from Australia, and there used to be at least one other list contributor from Sydney, IIRC. Here, at least, every new Wolfe novel turns up in our local library, often with more than one copy, so I think he's now seen as "worthwhile". I read all flavours of book but still love S(pec)F -- currently rereading Elizabeth Hand's Winterlong, a great book greatly influenced by New Sun (set in the City of Trees aka Washington DC after the Second Ascension, full of Librarians, Botanists and tribadists ;)), and Peter Watts Blindsight (which also I guess has Wolfean themes -- vampires, cerebral hemispherectomy).

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Oliver Wakefield — 11 May 2008, 21:32 · follows David Duffy

Thanks alot for the input guys. From what your saying it seems Wolfe has always been a bit of a curiosity. It has vexed me no end trying to work out why, Ive never read a better book and I have read quite a few. However I did lend the shadow of the torturer to a friend and he couldnt get past a few pages. It is a slow read I suppose but the story even at the outer level was exciting to me. I can't help but think much of why Wolfe doesn't sell. The UK edition has a cover which advertiises a pulply epic fantasy rather that what BOTN is.

About myself - I'm in the first year on a degree doing war studies (miliitary history mainly) at the University of Birmingham. I live in Cornwall when not at uni. My reading tastes are relatively wide but I enjoy fantasy (though the majority as you say is rubbish) and am just breaching sci-fi. Faviourites include - China Mieville (don't know if hes known in the US), Pullman when I was younger, Starship Troopers, The Forever War, I am Legend, The Dark Tower. I have only yet read BOTN and a part of Urth of the New Sun.

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Matthew Groves — 11 May 2008, 22:07 · in reply to Adam Thornton

Adam,

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Best,

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On 5/11/08, Adam Thornton <adam at io.com> wrote:
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Well, I grew up outside of Atlanta. So "Westminster" won't help you much, I'm afraid. I only moved to St. Louis in 2000. Do you still live here?

I grew up on Heinlein too. Libertarianism didn't stick, but the idea that a person **ought** to be competent at a broad range of things certainly did.

Adam

Dave Tallman — 12 May 2008, 07:25 · follows Adam Thornton

I'm a computer programmer from Santa Fe, New Mexico in my early 50's who just recently got back into Wolfe books after a gap of many years. When I was cleaning out my old books in preparation for a move, I found several books I had never read, including "Free Live Free" and "PEACE." After reading them I went looking for intelligent Wolfe discussion on the web; I found this list and the WolfeWiki.

I don't have a lot of time for reading these days; I have two-year-old twin sons. I'm making time for more Wolfe books, anyway. Right now I'm reading IODDAOSAOS and sometime soon I'll read "The Devil in a Forest."

Andy Robertson — 12 May 2008, 07:29 · in reply to Martinus Scriblerus

Martinus Scriblerus writes:

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Now you know another

- Andy R

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Oliver Wakefield — 12 May 2008, 09:03 · follows Andy Robertson

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Its true theres alot of fan sites on Wolfe it just seems he hasn't punctured the general scifi/fantasy readership. He doesn't even feature on some top 100 lists. You always have a few people saying hes brilliant at the comments a the bottom. Many have never heard of him. Being a bit of a fan of critical reviews by newspapers I was searching through the broadsheet sites for articles on Wolfe but there are very meager pickings. However the covers of my books show he got a very favourable reaction from the press. I suppose online sites don't keep a big back record.

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Stuart Hamm — 12 May 2008, 09:20 · in reply to Oliver Wakefield

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Thoughts???

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Stuart Hamm — 12 May 2008, 13:50 · in reply to Adam Thornton

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brunians at brunians.org — 12 May 2008, 14:04 · in reply to Adam Thornton

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Stuart Hamm — 12 May 2008, 14:38 · in reply to brunians at brunians.org

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If I mentioned my affection for asian cinema in general and some of the last Godzilla movies NO-ONE on this list would take me seriously...but it's nice to have fun once in a while!

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Matthew Keeley — 12 May 2008, 14:39 · in reply to brunians at brunians.org

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Here it is (from Andy Robertson):

<http://www.urth.net/urth/archives/v0304/3231.txt.shtml>

I like Moorcock as a person; he seems to be a very nice guy, judging from the way he interacts with fans on his website. Someday I'll read more of his books, but he's not Wofe.

As for "Gojiro," do you mean "Gojira?" Because that's the title of the original Japanese Godzilla film (It's also the title for the US release of the original Japanese cut, which is a much superior film to the hacked-up 1950s US version of the movie).

-Matt

Matthew Keeley — 12 May 2008, 14:40 · in reply to Stuart Hamm

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I guess I was wrong on Gojiro.

But I would take you seriously on affection for the Godzilla movies. Haven't seen all the recent ones, but I think we share some of the same vices.

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There is that.

Although one could argue that "Rape and Forgiveness" is absolutely in the Mervyn Peake tradition.

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Matthew Knight — 12 May 2008, 15:27 · in reply to Matthew Keeley

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Matthew Keeley — 12 May 2008, 16:23 · in reply to Adam Thornton

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Moorcock's constant praise of Peake made me want to read him - I have the one volume edition of the Gormenghast books at home, and I hope to get to them this summer.

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Adam

I've been meaning to read Harrison, especially the Viriconium books. Nova Swing looks good too - the UK edition has this great sci-fi / noir cover that makes me really want to read it. And I have one of CM's books at home. Actually, I read an interview with him where he talks about Wolfe as a major influence on his writing. "Gene Wolfe is God," I believe he put it.

-Matt

Dan'I Danehy-Oakes — 12 May 2008, 16:35 · in reply to Oliver Wakefield

On Sat, May 10, 2008 at 4:14 PM, Oliver Wakefield

<radontrooper at hotmail.com> wrote:

Also, as this list seems to be the largest wolfe source on the net I was wondering who the contributors are. Congratulations to all involved by the way. I am just wondering which of you are sci-fi fans and which are general readers. Also where are you from? Im from the UK and ive only met one person whos read BOTN and this person someone who writes on sci fi. Is Wolfe bigger in the US, i'm imagining this list is primarily US?

Not as much of a contributor as I used to be but ...

SF fan, definitely, but I also read a lot out of genre.

Where I'm from: Originally, New York, but I've lived in Northern California all my teen and adult life.

Who I am: I hate that question. A soon-to-be 50 year old tech writer, with some occasional fiction published; father of two and husband of one; sharing my home with three cats and one Rottweiler; a loyal friend; a Catholic; an amateur philosopher of sorts; a maker of lists.

Dan'I Danehy-Oakes, writer, trainer, bon vivant

<http://www.livejournal.com/users/sturgeonslawyer>

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Tim Walters — 12 May 2008, 17:42 · in reply to Adam Thornton

Moorcock is wildly uneven, but his best books (MOTHER LONDON and GLORIANA) are very much worth reading. I would also add BETWEEN THE WARS (the four-volume novel beginning with BYZANTIUM ENDURES), with the caveat that it's quite long, takes the unreliable/unlikeable narrator technique about as far as it can go, and won't appeal to everyone.

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Tim Walters | <http://doubtfulpalace.com>

Andy Robertson — 12 May 2008, 19:09 · in reply to Tim Walters

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Matthew Groves — 12 May 2008, 19:10 · in reply to Matthew Keeley

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<matthew.keeley.1 at gmail.com> wrote:

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Matt"

I don't ever reply to anything on this list, but I assure you, I have been reading it. Matt, probably anyone is smart enough to decipher Wolfe, but it takes too damned long trying to figure it out. Which is why I also signed onto to this list. I started reading Wolfe about two years ago (I was fourteen), and before then I was very into Heinlein, Zelazny, and Clarke, but Heinlein more than any of the others. I love his writing style.

However, as an autonomist discerning the priesthood (maybe), I can't stand his libertarian philosophy. I believe I stopped reading him at "Starship Troopers". Which was when I found the

"Wizard Knight". And I've been reading Wolfe ever since. I'm a slow reader, but everything that I've read of his has been really worthwhile, especially the BOTNS.

I have met ONE woman who has read Wolfe, and she was a librarian. It was really odd, because I asked for our public library to get a copy of the Fifth Head of Cerberus, and she practically jumped. I don't think she was expecting that. Other than that, I know that I have lent my copy of "Soldier in the Mist" to a friend of mine who is a girl, but I she never got past the first fifty pages. I only lent it her because I knew she was interested in Greek mythology. Before that, I suggested she read the BOTNS, but she freaked out over one of the torture methods. To think, I had to read "Pride and Prejudice" for no reward. Damn.

Patrick

James Crossley — 12 May 2008, 21:03 · in reply to Patrick Pottorff

On 5/12/08 1:36 PM, "Patrick Pottorff" <happyguy99993 at yahoo.com> wrote:
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It's sad to think that someone could read P&P without finding it rewarding.

I'm (mainly) a lurker on the list of a few years? standing who lives in Seattle, which I mention in case someone is cataloguing member locations. I'm imagination- and language-driven in my reading, so I mostly read what's called literary fiction, but there's a good bit of SF/fantasy that makes the cut?Wolfe, obviously, especially BOTNS, Peace, Fifth Head and the Soldier books, but also Jeff VanderMeer, Avram Davidson, China Mieville, M. John Harrison, Kelly Link, John Crowley and the like. I'll be picking up Evil Guest as soon as it comes out, but what I'm really looking forward to this year is Roberto Bolano's 2666, out in November.

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Matthew Keeley — 12 May 2008, 21:20 · in reply to James Crossley

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I've heard great things about Bolano. Michael Dirda had a really interesting review of his Nazi Literature in the Americas in the Washington Post. Apparently Bolano name-drops SF author Norman Spinrad, evidently an influence on his book.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/02/28/AR2008022803418.html>

-Matt

Russ Allbery — 13 May 2008, 05:02 · in reply to brunians at brunians.org

brunians at brunians.org writes:

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Iron Council is by general consensus not the high point of that series. I liked both Perdido Street Station and The Scar in different ways. The Scar is the better book, but Perdido Street Station has some *amazing* descriptions. Iron Council was much more explicitly political (Mieville has a doctorate in international relations from the London School of Economics and is a Trotskyist), so if the politics of Bas Lag aren't your thing, it's probably not going to be your thing. But don't let that turn you off on his other stuff, some of which is really quite good even if you can't stand his politics at all.

Russ Allbery (rra at stanford.edu) <<http://www.eyrie.org/~eagle/>>

Oliver Wakefield — 13 May 2008, 10:35 · in reply to Oliver Wakefield

Date: Tue, 13 May 2008 12:33:46 +1000> From: David.Duffy at qimr.edu.au> To: radontrooper at hotmail.com> Subject: Re: (urth) How list works and questions to mailers> > > About myself - I'm in the first year on a degree doing war studies> > (military history mainly) at the University of Birmingham.> > So have you read Mary Gentle?> > David Duffy.> -- No. Ive heard vaguely of her though. Whats she like, her books I mean? Any books you reccomend?

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Stuart Hamm — 13 May 2008, 13:25 · in reply to Oliver Wakefield

Ha! And I saw Birmingham City lose on Sunday...small world indeed.

Oliver Wakefield <radontrooper at hotmail.com> wrote: .hmmmessage P { margin:0px; padding:0px } body.hmmmessage { FONT-SIZE: 10pt; FONT-FAMILY:Tahoma }

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Steven — 16 May 2008, 02:12 · in reply to Dan'I Danehy-Oakes

On May 12, 2008, at 12:35 PM, Dan'I Danehy-Oakes wrote:
Where I'm from: Originally, New York, but I've lived in Northern California all my teen and adult life.

Steven

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brunians at brunians.org — 16 May 2008, 03:16 · in reply to Steven

I live in Hayfork.

I think Dan'l lives in a little village called Oakland, but I may be mistaken.

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Allan Anderson — 16 May 2008, 17:28 · follows Dan'l Danehy-Oakes

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Stuart Hamm — 16 May 2008, 17:41 · in reply to Allan Anderson

hey, we're all neighbors..I'm in the Inner Sunset....when I'm home

not my best post ever I know..

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Chris Laybourn — 16 May 2008, 19:45 · in reply to brunians at brunians.org

Pedro Pereira — 16 May 2008, 21:23 · in reply to Chris Laybourn

Yes.

From: laybournchris at hotmail.comTo: urth at lists.urth.netDate: Fri, 16 May 2008 12:45:40 -0700Subject: Re: (urth) How list works and questions to mailers

Matthew Keeley — 16 May 2008, 21:29 · in reply to Chris Laybourn

On Fri, May 16, 2008 at 8:45 PM, Chris Laybourn <laybournchris at hotmail.com> wrote:

Am i correct that there are three books in the "Soldier" series? I was just at Powell's in Portland which I believe is the largest bookstore in the US and they only had "Sidon."

There are three books, but the first two are only in-print in an omnibus edition called "Latro in the Mist."

-Matt

Steven — 16 May 2008, 22:23 · in reply to Dan'l Danehy-Oakes

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Chris Laybourn — 16 May 2008, 22:42 · in reply to Steven

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dcooperv — 17 May 2008, 00:39 · follows Chris Laybourn

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-Dan Vince

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Dave Tallman — 17 May 2008, 05:31 · in reply to Steven

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For one thing, it gains an opportunity to use first person in just one place...

Fred Kiesche — 16 Jun 2008, 16:43 · in reply to Charles Reed

Late reply to a long-forgotten party...way behind in all e-mails (over 4,500 unread and climbing!).

Anyway, sometime Wolfe reader, located in NJ. Most recent Wolfe read was "Shambles" with Gaiman. For review, as well as indication of what else I read, see link below (TexasBestGrok).

F.P. Kiesche III

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From: Charles Reed <jazzy_jeeves at sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: (urth) How list works and questions to mailers To: "The Urth Mailing List" <urth at lists.urth.net> Date: Sunday, May 11, 2008, 12:44 AM

Hi Oliver. I'm from Texas. I've always gotten the impression that most

of the people who post here are from the US, but that's certainly not a scientific sampling. My general reading preferences outside of Gene Wolfe tend to lie in the fantasy genre rather than sci-fi: Tolkien, Le Guin, Robin Hobb, George Martin, Neil Gaiman. Although, to be perfectly honest, my reading time has been very much curtailed over the last few years due to family expansion. (We just brought our third -- and final -- child into the world about seven months ago.) I used to pretty regularly read 25-30 novels a year. These days it seems like I'm doing well if I manage 4-5. Coinciding with that, I haven't been much a regular contributor lately, although I was a pretty active participant for a good couple of years. I still try to keep up with the read the mailing list, though.

Charles

P.S. Don't know how to help you the text trailing off the page. I read the Urth mailing list on my mail program (Thunderbird) and haven't experienced that problem.

Oliver Wakefield wrote:

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> In my first email on this list my text trailed off the end of the page > - is there anyway to keep the text within the window - sorry ive never > used a mailing list before. > > Also, as this list seems to be the largest wolfe source on the net I > was wondering who the contributors are. Congratulations to all > involved by the way. I am just wondering which of you are sci-fi fans > and which are general readers. Also where are you from? Im from the UK > and ive only met one person whos read BOTN and this person someone who > writes on sci fi. Is Wolfe bigger in the US, i'm imagining this list > is primarily US? > > > > Thanks Ollie W > > > ----- > Miss your Messenger buddies when on-the-go? Get Messenger on your > Mobile! <http://clk.atdmt.com/UKM/go/msnnkmg10010000001ukm/direct/01/> > ----- > > > > > Urth Mailing List > To post, write urth at urth.net > Subscription/information: <http://www.urth.net>

Fred Kiesche — 16 Jun 2008, 17:14 · in reply to Matthew Keeley

Matt--Are you a member of The Gunroom? If not, take a look! <http://www.hmssurprise.org/> Lots of good stuff discussed for fans of Patrick O'Brian.

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I'm from the Boston area, though I've been studying in Dublin for the past year (going home in a little more than a week).

I used to be very much a sci-fi / fantasy reader, but for the past few years I've been diversifying a lot. So this year I've been reading lots of "mainstream" lit, a good deal of Patrick O'Brian, and a lot of mysteries. Wolfe is one of the few sci-fi authors I still read with any deal of regularity.

I can't say I know any other Wolfe readers in real life, though I'm always trying to make converts. I just gave a copy of The Book of the New Sun to a friend here, so let's hope that there will soon be another Wolfe reader in Dublin...

-Matt

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On Mon, Jun 16, 2008 at 1:14 PM, Fred Kiesche <recursive_loop at yahoo.com> wrote:

Matt--Are you a member of The Gunroom? If not, take a look!

<http://www.hmssurprise.org/>

Lots of good stuff discussed for fans of Patrick O'Brian.

F.P. Kiesche III

Thanks for the advice. I'm not a member yet, and might wait a bit before joining. I'd like to finish the Aubrey-Maturin books before I start discussing them, as I'd prefer to avoid spoilers (Not that spoilers would ruin the experience, but one does like to avoid them).

-Matt